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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
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26. (New) A method of providing insurance coverage to a customer, the method comprising:

5 (a) during a preliminary period of time:

- (1) receiving an initial inquiry from the customer;
- (2) providing an input form including at least one field for an entry of a piece of information concerning at least one of a characteristic of the customer and a characteristic of an item to be insured;
- 10 (3) receiving the piece of information following its entry into the input form and submission;
- (4) performing processing in relation to the piece of information;
- (5) providing a preliminary indication to the customer that the customer will have an ability to order at least one of temporally-limited amounts of insurance and geographically-limited amounts of insurance; and
- 15 (6) providing an identifier to the customer; and

(b) at a subsequent period of time:

- (1) providing a field for an input of a limitation relating to a desired insurance coverage regarding a customer-owned item, the limitation including a time period indication of a time period less than a month;
- 20 (2) receiving the limitation at a central processor as provided by way of a customer-operated terminal;
- 25 (3) performing processing in relation to the limitation to determine whether the desired insurance coverage as restricted by the limitation can be provided;
- (4) sending a confirmation to the customer-operated terminal concerning whether the desired insurance coverage corresponding to the limitation can be provided;
- 30 (5) receiving a further signal from the customer-operated terminal

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- indicating that the desired insurance coverage is still desired;
- (6) concluding an arrangement so that the desired insurance coverage concerning the time period is provided to the customer;
- 35 (7) receiving credit card information from the customer, wherein the central processor does not bill a customer credit card for the desired insurance coverage as restricted by the limitation until the central processor receives a confirmation from the customer-operated terminal via an internet-type connection that a newly-
- 40 quoted price for the desired insurance is satisfactory; and
- (8) recording information regarding the desired insurance coverage as restricted by the limitation in an insurance company database.